

Wire Crochet Cocktail Ring

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In this tutorial you will create a wire crochet ring with pearls or beads of your choice

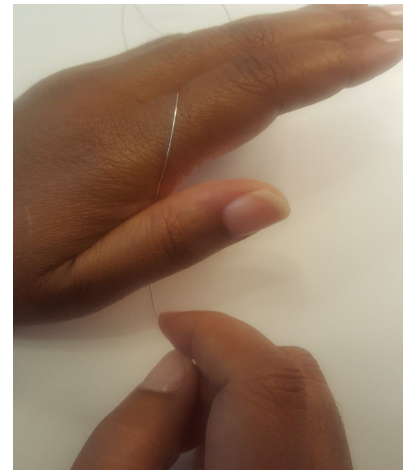


Materials:

- 1 Spool of 26g Parawire in silver or any color of your choice
- 10 5-6mm pearls or glass beads
- 4-5mm Metal Crochet hook
- Round nose pliers
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutter

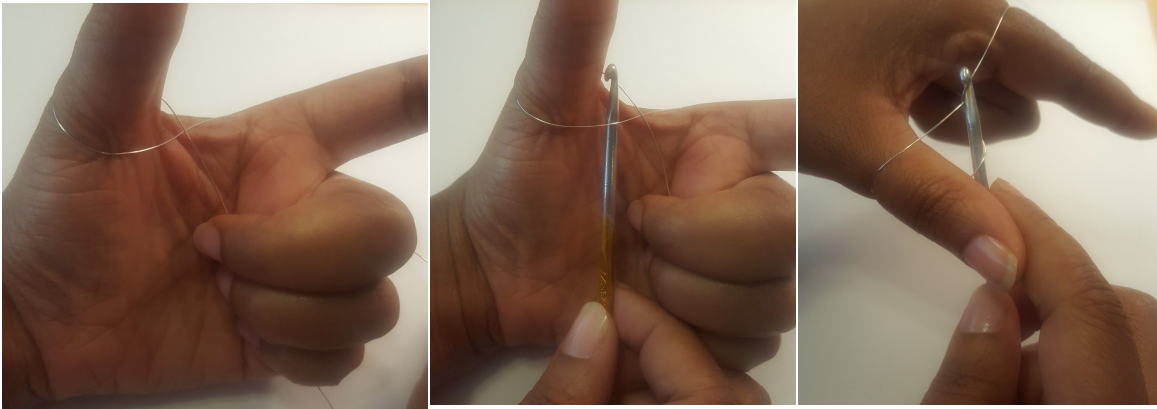
Let's get started:

Step 1: This ring is made in two parts. The first part we are going to start with is the base of the ring. Take at least two inches of wire and wrap it around the back of your index finger.

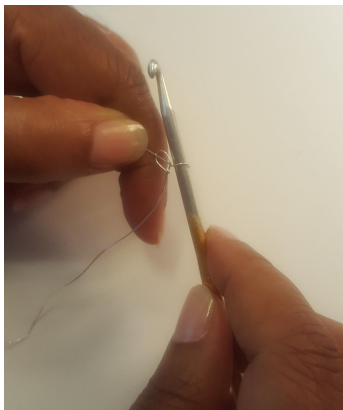


Step 2: Take the rest of the wire and wrap it around your thumb and cross it over. See image below:

Step 3: Grab the remainder of the wire with the other three fingers and take your crochet hook and put it between your thumb and the wire and bend the crochet hook and grab the wire near the index finger and pull down through the loop and remove the wire from your thumb and pull the tail end wire and let it tighten around the crochet hook.



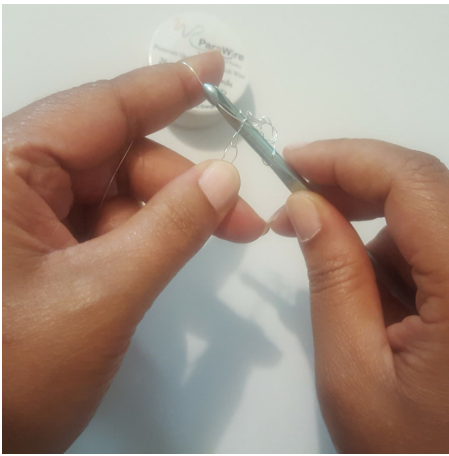
Step 4: A loop will form underneath the crochet hook and this will be the loop that stays on the crochet hook (in crochet terms this is a slip knot) and now you can start to chain stitch on the wire.



Step 5: Chain stitch 4 and with the crochet hook still in the last chain stitch turn the wire over



Step 6: Put your crochet hook in the second to last chain stitch and pull up a loop and pull through the chain stitch. At this point you will have two loops on your crochet hook. Pull up another loop and pull through both loops on your hook.



Step 7: Immediately take your crochet hook and go into the next loop and repeat steps 6 until you reach the end of the row..

Please note: The first row is usually the most difficult and you may have to gently pull and manipulate the wire so that you can see where you should place your crochet hook.



Step 8: After you have completed the row, chain one in the last loop. Turn wire over with crochet hook still in your last chain stitch and begin steps 6 again.

Step: 9 After you have completed a couple of rows, gently pull the wire so that you stretch it out. Repeat until you get the desired length of your ring. You may want to use a ring mandrel to gauge how big the ring should be. Remember to leave room for the top of the ring. Since it is a cocktail ring, it will be bulky. Cut the end of your wire and leave about 1- 2".



You do not have to make the base fit your finger completely. Since it is a cocktail ring the top part with the design can be used to connect the ring.

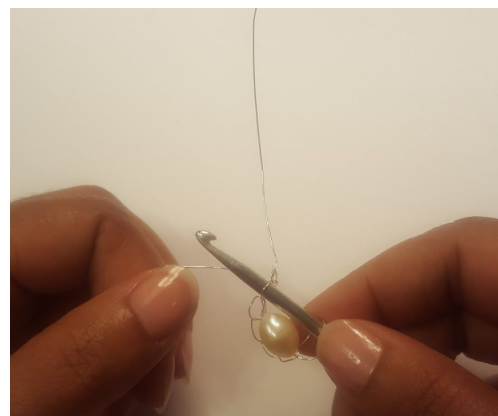
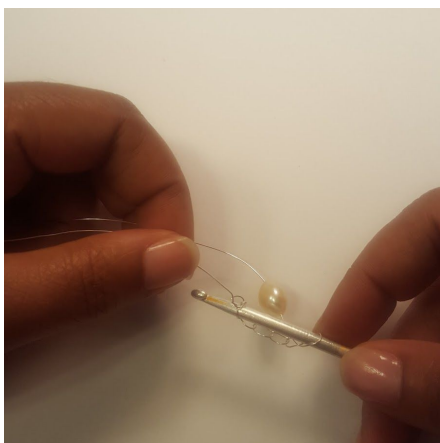
Now we are going to make the top of the ring

Step 10: String on the pearls/beads onto your wire.



Step 11: Repeat steps 1-4 and then chain stitch 6.

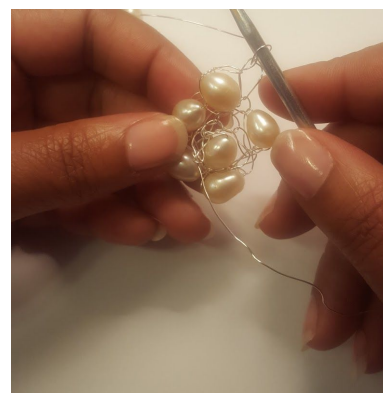
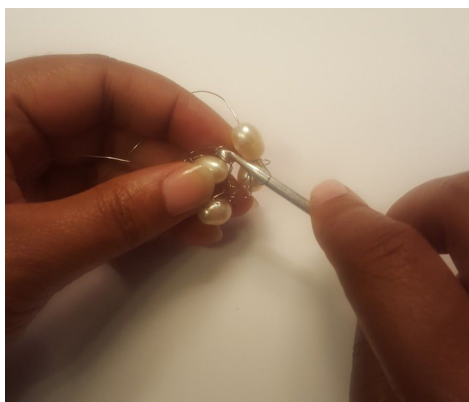
Step 12: Pull up a pearl or two and rest it against the last stitch and crochet hook. Take the hook with the last stitch still on your crochet hook and put it in the first stitch you made along with the two beads and pull through both stitches to form the center. The loops will form themselves around the center beads.



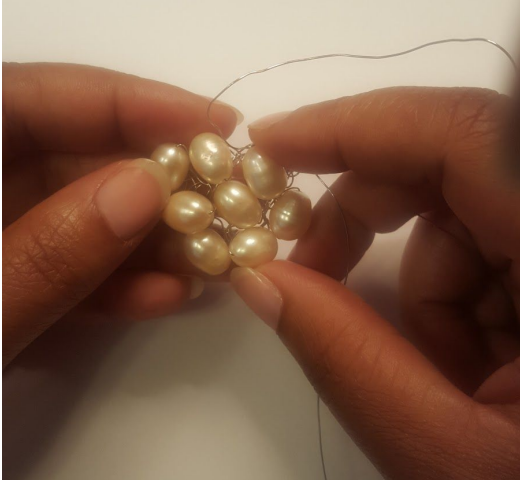
Step 13: In each chain stitch, pull up a pearl and put your crochet hook in the stitch then grab the wire behind the pearl and pull through both loops. Hold on to the pearl while you are doing this and then do a chain stitch through your beginning stitch. And repeat inside each loop.



Step 14: In each chain stitch, pull up a pearl and put your crochet hook in the stitch then grab the wire behind the pearl and pull through both loops. Repeat until you have a few pearls left over.



Step 15: Check the size of your design. It is easier to have to add pearls than to have to take them away. After you are satisfied with the size, leave two inches of wire and cut your design from the spool. Your design will look like a blob and that is ok. You are going to work the wire and beads into the shape you want. Push your pearls together so that it forms into a circle. If there are places that look empty you can add a pearl or bead in to fill up the holes. That is what the extra wire can be used for.



Step 16: Now that you have the shape of your ring let's begin to attach the base.

Step 17: Decide how you want the ring to fit on your finger and that will determine how you sew the base on, because your base will be added perpendicular to your design. You can use the remaining ends on the base and sew it to your design. Make sure you sew in the wire all the way through until it stops. Do not pull too hard or it may break.



Also as you are sewing the wire in make sure you sew all the way across the base. This will insure that the wire is secured to your design. Also try on the ring as you are sewing. What is nice about a cocktail ring if you make it a little too big you can

Step 18: Cut the wire close but leave a little bit so that you can sew in the ends of the design. Use your needle nose pliers and make sure you tuck the ends in and there are no sharp edges exposed.



And that's it!

